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Pastor's
Corner

WHY AM I HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE?

Those adults who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil will be sent, like Jesus was, after His baptism, to fight the devil in the wilderness! And you too, who are experiencing or have experienced a renewal of their faith life, you too will be sent "in the wilderness" to fight the evil and its cunning. I have seen it happening so often in my own life and in the life of many! When you are rejuvenated and re-energized in your deepest being by God, when like Jesus, you "hear" the Father say to you, "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter," then you can expect that you are going to be sent to war. But don't refuse it. Embrace it! You are about to become a free man, a free woman. You will embrace life with God Himself in it. You will be tested, tempted more than ever. But if you persevere, you will be purified like silver in the furnace. You will bring others to God. You will never be alone again. You will not have much free time to socialize because you will be too busy helping others. But you will communicate with God and with God's children at a much deeper level.

True, the evil one will send you obstacle after obstacle on your path: health problems, jealousy, strife, false accusations, financial crises, marriage problems, kids wanting to have it their own ways. But, one by one, those obstacles will become a chance, an asset. You will experience, if you persevere, the paschal mystery. These small (and big) deaths will become resurrection, freedom, jumpstarts into eternal life.

How is this possible? Through Christ, true man and true God, who did fight that battle for us "in the wilderness" and was tempted 40 days and 40 nights.

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He didn't yield to the devil's most alluring temptations even though He was famished and weakened by these 40 days of fasting. How can Christ's victory affect your own struggle in your own life? Through the Pentecost, Jesus gives us the power to overcome all these obstacles and He is there, right by our side, helping us to resist, and recycling all the hardships and deaths into gleaming, divine life. How can you and I participate in the power of this paschal mystery of the Pentecost that happened 2000 years ago? By repentance and faith celebrated in baptism, renewed in the Sunday Eucharist (the Mass), restored in confession, and nourished by the Bread and the Word of God. Try it, surrender to it, live in it, by it and for it. Join the community of believers. You will become the person you are called to be for God, for your spouse, for your children and parents and for your life eternal.



God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBIT MAR 1-7

Exhibit hours: 10am-4pm and 6-9pm. On Saturday and Sunday, it opens at 9am. Come see a full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, an ancient piece of cloth that has the imprint of a scourged and crucified man, believed by millions to be the burial cloth of Jesus. Free admission. Donations welcome. Please note that backpacks, big shopping bags, picture-taking and use of cell phones are not allowed in the Exhibition area. Bag check service available.

MAN OF THE SHROUD TALKS

"THE SHROUD OF TURIN: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SCIENCE & HISTORY" by Dr. Phillip Wiebe, Professor of Philosophy, Sat Mar 3, 11am-noon, free. Donations welcome.
"THE CRUCIFIXION AND THE SHROUD" by US Shroud Scholar Chris Knabenshue Fri Mar 2 at 7:45pm, Sat Mar 3 at 6pm, Sun Mar 4 at 1pm & 6pm, and Mon Mar 5 at 10am and noon. 1-hour long. Free. Donations welcome.

PARISH NEWS

SPARK (grades 6-8) – THE JOURNEY OF LENT



The 40 days has begun! Were you ready for it? Or did you miss the beginning of it? Don't worry!! You still have time to get into it and Youth Ministry is here to help! We'll help you get caught up and be in the loop with an awesome talk and group discussions mixed with fun games and a surprise activity! Come on Monday, Feb 27 at 6:30pm in the Church basement and be ready for a challenge!

CANUCKS TICKETS

Canucks are on a roll (again) and this is your chance to see them in action. Youth Ministry has two tickets to the Coyotes game and two tickets to the Kings game. We will be selling raffle tickets to win two plaza level tickets to these games. You can buy your raffle tickets after all the Masses on March 3 & 4 and March 10 & 11. The raffle tickets will be \$5/ea. Join the raffle and get a chance to be part of the Canuck Nation. We are all Canucks!



FLAME (grades 8-12) – LASER TAG



Are you ready to tag? This Friday Sr. Youth Ministry is going to laser tag and you don't want to be left behind. So you better be quick because we only have 13 spots available. First come, first serve or should we say "You snooze you lose?" The cost is \$15 and the registration forms are available from the Youth Ministry web-site and at the parish office. Questions? Contact Arda at arda@marysyoung.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, there are Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. Please join us.

LEGION OF MARY



Lenten Retreat of the Legion of Mary at St. Patrick's Church, 2881 Main St. on Saturday, March 3 from 9am-3pm. Also, "ACIES", Renewal of the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Name Church, 4925 Cambie St. on Saturday, March 25 from 1pm-4pm. All St. Mary's Legion of Mary active and auxiliary members please attend. For more info, contact Letty at 604-677-2643 or Katie at 778-926-4882.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Fr. Elton Fernandes, S.J. will speak about “Discovering Christ Personally at Work in my Life. This Lenten Parish Mission will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 4925 Cambie Street, Vancouver Mar. 5-7. Begins with Mass at 7pm followed by reflection. All are welcome.

A DAY OF DISCERNMENT

The Archdiocesan Stewardship Office presents a workshop led by Fr Elton Fernandes, SJ. This is a follow up to the recent “Called and Gifted” workshop and will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 315 Walker Street, Coquitlam on Saturday, March 10. Mass at 9am celebrated by Archbishop Miller, followed by workshop till 4pm. Cost \$25, includes lunch. More info <http://www.rcav.org/dayofdiscernment>.

BENEFIT CONCERT - HARMONIES OF HOPE

The regional and congregational high schools come together annually to fundraise for various worthy causes. *Harmonies of Hope* featuring the finest high school choirs is scheduled to take place on Mar. 12 at 7pm at St. Matthew’s Parish, Surrey. Admission by donation. All proceeds will go directly to the Philippine typhoon relief through Development and Peace.

LADIES INTERESTED IN THE CONSECRATED LIFE?

A Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life will be held from March 16-18 at the Westminster Abbey, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8975.

VANSPEC FUNDRAISER




Annual Summer Camp Fundraiser and VanSpec Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 17, 6pm to Midnight at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, 555 S. Slocan Street, Vancouver. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Music by DJ Eddy M. Raffle –1st Prize: Weekend in Whistler! For more info call: 604-253-2233 or email vanspec.centre@gmail.com.

EVANGELIZATION EVENT IN CANTONESE

Do you know of any inactive or non-Catholics you would like to bring Christ? Fountain of Love & Life is hosting an evangelization event in Cantonese on Sunday, Mar 25, 2:30-4:30pm at Michael J. Fox Theatre. The event will have music, skits, sharing, videos & prayers to inspire the audience. For more info call 604-818-6888.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SHROUD EXHIBIT HOURS– PLEASE SEE OVER

- Sun. Feb 26:** 10:00am Migrant Ministry (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids (Rectory Library)
1:00pm CFC-YFL (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Church Basement)
2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
- Mon. Feb 27:** 6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm Jr YM- SPARK (Church Basement)
- Tue. Feb 28:** 6:00pm CWL Installation Mass (Church)
7:00pm CWL Meeting (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)
- Wed. Feb 29:** 8:30am Respect Life (Rectory Dining)
3:00pm St. Michael’s Mass (7451 Sussex Ave)
6:00pm Novena Our Lady Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Thu. Mar 1:** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Fri. Mar 2:** 3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)
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- Sat. Mar 3:** 9:00am 2000 Hail Mary (Rectory Dining)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
2:00pm CFC-SFC (School Gym)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm CFC-FFL (Seminar Room)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady’s Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning mass

CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am to 9:30am, 4:15pm to 4:55pm, 6:10pm to 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the Parish Office

HOLY COMMUNION: Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE:

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary’s Parish before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 6:45pm / Saturday 9:45am

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact the Parish Office.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens

Tuesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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